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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SPECIAL FUND FOR ONCHOCERCIASIS

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1. WHO DG MAHLER LETTER (C.L.38) OF SEPTEMBER 24 TO ASST SECRETARY HEALTH EDWARDS REPORTS STATUS ONCHOCERCIASIS CONTROL PROGRAM TO BE CARRIED OUT IN AFRICA AND INDICATES SPECIAL FUND FOR ONCHOCERCIASIS BEING ESTABLISHED TO BE ADMINISTERED BY IBRD. PENULTIMATE PARA MAHLER LETTER STATES,"AT THE SAME TIME, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION STANDS READY TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ANY ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH POTENTIAL DONORS MIGHT WISH TO PROPOSE FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THIS UNDERTAKING."

2. MISSION REQUESTED OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS FROM WHO SECRETARIAT CONCERNING SPECIAL FUND FOR ONCHOCERCIASIS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY IBRD (LEGAL CHARACTERISTICS, ADMINISTRATION, SEAT, REVIEW PROVISIONS, ETC.). HOW DOES WHO VIEW THIS DEVELOPMENT? WHY DOES IT FEEL IT NECESSARY

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TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS? WHAT KIND ALTERNATIVE

ARRANGEMENTS DOES WHO HAVE IN MIND?

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION AS TO RESPONSIBILITIES WHO WILL BE ASSUMING AS EXECUTING AGENCY ON ONCHOCERCIASIS PROGRAM. FOR EXAMPLE, WILL WHO REGULAR BUDGET FUNDS BE INVOLVED OR COMMITTED IN ANY WAY TO THIS PROJECT? TO WHAT EXTENT WOULD WHO STAFF BE UTILIZED? WHICH ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT IN WHO WOULD HAVE OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY? WOULD ESTABLISHMENT NEW STAFF POSITIONS BE REQUIRED? KISINGER

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